



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 148**

February Session, 2016

Substitute House Bill No. 5380

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2016*

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. SERRA of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF COST SAVINGS FROM THE UTILIZATION OF MOBILITY SYSTEMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commissioner of Social  
2      Services, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging, shall study  
3      the utilization of technology to reduce costs to provide state-funded  
4      assistance to immobile or semi-ambulatory persons. Such technology  
5      shall include mobility systems that transfer immobile or semi-  
6      ambulatory persons from bed to wheelchair or commode. Not later  
7      than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Social Services shall submit  
8      a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
9      general statutes, on the results of the study to the joint standing  
10     committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
11     relating to aging, human services and appropriations and the budgets  
12     of state agencies. The report shall include any estimated savings from  
13     the utilization of technology, including, but not limited to, reductions  
14     in (1) injuries to persons who receive state-funded assistance and staff

- 15 who assist them, and (2) hospital or nursing home admissions and  
16 readmissions related to such injuries.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In the third sentence of Section 1, "file a report" was changed to "submit a report" for internal consistency.

***AGE***      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state. The bill requires the Department of Social Services in consultation with the Department on Aging to study the utilization of mobility technology and potential savings to the state Medicaid program. Mobility technology is currently covered by Medicaid whenever it is deemed medically necessary, therefore any savings are already accruing to the Medicaid program.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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UTILIZATION OF MOBILITY SYSTEMS.***

**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13      Nay 0      (03/08/2016)